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Local Happenings

Cotton ginned in this county up to December 13 this year was 23,875 bales, as against 25,928 for the same time last year.

Elder Tom Stanly of Albemarle will preach at Pleasant View on Benton Heights Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be a song service at 10 o'clock Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. Fullenwider is doing nicely after a major operation which she underwent at the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital last Friday. Mrs. Floyd Sells of Monroe route 8 underwent an operation for appendicitis on Sunday. Mrs. Sells is doing nicely.

The Monroe All-Stars defeated a Wingate basket ball team on the court at Shute's pavilion here Wednesday night by the score of 29 to 11. On the All-Star team were S. Weaver and Bowie, forwards; Stewart, Crowell, and Austin, guards; and J. Weaver, center.

A real honest-to-goodness coconut, packed just like nature fixed it, was yesterday on display at the First National Bank. The big nut was incased in a fibrous coating and about the size of a half-gallon measure. The curiosity was sent from Palm Beach, Florida, by George W. Burnett, a travelling man.

There will be installation services at Bethlehem Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11:30 a. m. Messrs. Baxter Long and Ray Clontz will be installed as elders and Messrs. Noah Helms, James Clayton, Hermon Clontz and Grant Duncan will be inducted into the office of deacon. The public is cordially invited to this service.

Dr. E. S. Greene was called to Louisiana yesterday by a telegram announcing the death of his father. Greene had been an invalid for five years and recently his death had been expected at any time. In fact, Dr. Greene had just come back home from a visit to him when he received the news. Capt. Greene was a merchant and prominent and beloved citizen of Louisiana. Dr. Greene expects to be in his office Monday.

Squire Henry McWhorter usually has some interesting old historical document or fact to tell when he comes around to the newspaper office. Yesterday he pulled out an ancient document, colored with age, which he had found among his books, and showed it to The Journal. It was a pamphlet printed in 1835 giving the resolutions of the constitutional convention of that year as the amended constitution submitted for ratification by the people. It also had the original constitution adopted Dec. 17, 1776 by a convention presided over by Richard Caswell. The convention of 1835 was presided over by Nathaniel Macon, and the constitution then adopted remained in force till after the war.

Twenty-two car loads of high grade cattle have been shipped from Union county to Goldsboro, Kinston and other points in Eastern North Carolina during the past year by Mr. R. C. Griffin. Each car has contained on an average of 17 cattle. Averaging the price paid to Union county owners at \$40 each, this means that \$15,000 has been turned loose in the county for the cattle. "Union county cattle are the best cattle that farmers of Eastern North Carolina can buy at the present," says Mr. Griffin. "You see, the owners here allow the cattle to remain in the pasture until old enough to sell. Accordingly when they arrive at the Eastern points and are properly stalled and fed they develop into good milk and butter producers. On the other hand, cows which have been stall fed before shipment would not do so well after being shipped."

Appointment of a postmaster for Monroe seems to be a little nearer. In the past few days three of the nineteen candidates who stood the examination last July have been notified of their rating by the Civil Service commission. Mr. G. B. Caldwell was given a rating of 87, Mr. P. P. W. Plyler 82, and Mr. E. C. Winchester 80. As information concerning the rating of other candidates has not been given, it is thought that the three men named made the highest rating. Under President Harding's executive order of May 10, 1921, it is provided that the Civil Service commission shall certify the results of each examination for postmaster to the postmaster general who shall submit to the President the name of one of the highest three qualified eligibles for appointment to fill the vacancy. As yet, however, no information concerning appointment for Monroe has been received.

There will be preaching at Midway church in Buford township Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Services will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. S. Cheery. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. Bernard Ratchford McWhorter, son of Esq. and Mrs. Henry McWhorter, and Miss Eula Gordon, daughter of Mr. Richard Gordon, were married at Van Wyck on the seventeenth. The young couple are at present making their home with the parents of the groom.

After being closed one week for the Christmas holidays, the county schools will reopen on Monday, January 1. In few instances the schools will not reopen until January 8. Schools not reopening until January 8 will continue a week later in their spring term to comply with the State law requirements. While there are reports of cases of influenza in some of the school districts, it is not thought that this disease will delay W. Hoyle. Miss Lucy Hoyle returned openings in any of the schools.

Mr. B. Frank Harris has formed a business connection with his brother, who is engaged in the furniture business in Charlotte, under the firm name of Harris Brothers and will do a general furniture business in the building on West Franklin street formerly occupied by Henderson-Snyder Company. The new firm will be open for business early in the year. Mr. Harris has been engaged in the furniture business for some time under the firm name of Monroe Auction and Furniture Company.

Nine gamblers, two fighters, and one drunk occupied Judge W. O. Lemmond's attention in a long session of Recorder's court this morning. The gamblers were the result of a raid which Chief Spoon made on Christmas day. The following negroes paid \$5 and the costs: George Parker, Nathan Smith, Kirt Quinn, Lester Thompson, Bob Foster, Belton Alsobrooks, and Amos Alsobrooks. George Rose drew a \$10 fine, while Joe Jenkins was let off with the costs. Jule Brooks and Anna Brooks were taxed with the costs for assault and battery. Ed Lee Covington was fined \$5 and the costs for drunkenness.

Rev. W. B. S. Chandler of Dillon, S. C., has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, according to word received yesterday morning. Rev. Mr. Chandler is a graduate of Davidson college and of the Columbia Theological Seminary and will be a strong addition to the religious forces of Monroe. For the past several years he has served the Presbyterian church at Dillon. The decision to accept the call to the Monroe church was made after he had been favorably impressed in a recent visit to the city. While here he filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian church and delivered a strong sermon. Rev. Mr. Chandler and family are expected to arrive in Monroe next week.

Hopeless
"Young man, I'm surprised at you. You come from a good family—and when you took that watch—you knew it was wrong."
"Sure, y'r Honor, but it was only five minutes off, so why hesitate?"

High School and College Players to Clash

Monroe will get its final football game of the season Monday afternoon when the hard-fighting High School team tackles the College Players who are at home for the holidays. Proceeds from the game will go toward buying sweaters for the members of the High School team. Interest in the game is running high. The High School boys will present the same line-up that all but won them the championship of the Western part of the State and which did win the reputation as one of the cleanest fighting machines anywhere. The youngsters have been limbering up and getting their signals oiled in preparation for the game.

Here is the possible lineup: Baskerville and Bensley, guards; Wiggs and Lemmond, tackles; McKee and W. Fairley, ends; F. Williams, center; M. Fairley and Laney, halves; K. Williams, fullback and Coble, quarterback.

The college players will have a little of the advantage in the matter of experience, but will lack coordinating training. Practice a couple of afternoons, however, should remedy this condition. The lineup for the college men will be selected from such players as J. Weaver, end with "Bo" McMillan's Centenary college team; Caldwell, Trinity guard; Shute, Trinity tackle; Abernethy, Carolina line-man; Williams, with the freshman team of Furman university; Stewart, of the University of Virginia; Yates of Carolina; and S. Weaver of Trinity.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. H. Caldwell and children of Carthage, and Mrs. W. R. Fincher of Kannapolis, have been spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fincher of lower Buford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dellinger of Charlotte were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Ashcraft Christmas day.

Miss Ruth Green is visiting friends in Rutherfordton. Miss Green will return Sunday to Alexandria, Va., where she is teaching this year.

Miss Dorothy Dover of Shelby is the guest of Miss Hannah Blair.

Dr. and Mrs. John Seerest of Winston-Salem spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Seerest.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Armstrong of Gastonia spent Christmas Day with Capt. and Mrs. S. H. Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hamilton of Winston-Salem are visiting relatives and friends here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Seerest and children, and Mrs. C. E. Hamilton and children have returned to their homes after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Seerest.

Mr. Eugene Elliot, of Ware Shoals, S. C., arrived yesterday evening to visit his sister, Miss Cornelia Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Burns of Fitzgerald, Ga., are visiting the former's mother, Mr. S. E. Howie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Funderburk had as their guests for a turkey dinner Tuesday evening Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Burrell and Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Weaver.

Mr. Ed B. Lee who has been studying in Boston for the past month will return the latter part of next week and will resume his work here January 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Belk of Mebane are visiting relatives in the county. Mr. Belk is connected with the Mebane Enterprise while Mrs. Belk is teaching in the graded schools of the town.

Miss Mae Sell returned from Shelby yesterday where she has been spending the holidays with Miss Lucy Hoyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hoyle with her and will spend several days visiting friends in Monroe.

Mrs. David Kenneth Merrett of Raleigh is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McNeeley.

Dr. G. B. Nance, who has been ill for sometime, underwent a major operation in a Charlotte hospital yesterday morning. His many friends throughout the county will be glad to know that Dr. Nance stood the operation well and made a quick recovery from the effects of the ether.

Mrs. J. M. Frisbie of Asheville is spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Hollaway on College street.

"And Live to Fight Another Day"

A company of new men were taken out for hand grenade practice and real grenades were to be used for the first time. The lieutenant gave the instructions to pull the pin, count five and then throw. Everything was all set and the men, with bated breath, were one-two-three-four, when suddenly one gave a yell and broke away.

Later he was located and brought on the mat for an official call down. "Well, sir," he said when asked for an explanation. "There was a fellow next to me that stuttered and when he began 'One, t-t-t-two, th-th-three,' I just figured mother wouldn't like to have me stick around."

Busy

A city attorney wrote a rustic justice of the peace asking him about a judgment that had been entered against a client in the latter's village, and enclosing a two-cent stamp for reply. Several days later there came back a postcard bearing the message:

"Your inquiry received. I beg to inform you that my time is mighty valuable just now. Corn-cutting is most high here, politics is sizzling and the bass-fishing is fine. If you would enclose a dollar bill it might stimulate me some. I paid ten dollars once to a lawyer for answering a question, and all he said was 'No.'"

The Mayor Goes Hunting

Mayor Vann took a Christmas hunt. Now the Mayor belongs to that class of sportsmen who cannot hit a barn door without a rest. He went with Mr. John Stroud who has the reputation of being a good hunter but not much of a marksman. By and by the dogs pointed, and after all was set and ready for the thrill that a flushed covey of birds imparts to a hunter, the dogs were ordered to hold carefully while the hunters approached the game. With nerves a-tingle and guns ready, they cautiously approached the spot from which they expected to see a score of birds arise at every moment. But no birds arose. Vann went further into the brush to push them up. But still no birds. Then he found what the dogs had held so steadily and it was—a rabbit box.

But the rabbit was at home and that satisfied the hunters some. Mayor Vann laid aside his gun and fell upon the rabbit box and fetched out the quivering bunny. He had heard that the way to kill a rabbit is to hit him behind the ears and was preparing to end the career of the luckless cotton tail, when the latter slipped from his hands and scampered for the woods. Mayor Vann yelled to Mr. Stroud to shoot that rabbit, and he yelled loud and emphatically. But Mr. Stroud did not shoot. Either his heart went out in pity for the rabbit or he wanted to give Mr. Vann a chance. Anyway, when the bunny had made his escape and had secured a retreat in the bramble where he was "bred and born" Mayor Vann began to upbraid his partner for not having shot the game. The latter would not stand for this and wanted to know of the Mayor, "Whatevell the reason you didn't shoot him yourself?" Whereupon Mr. Vann said, "Why, I forgot about having a gun."

His Task

They were digging for a splinter-proof dugout on the other side during a lull in the firing. A passing major asked a swartzy Vermonteer what he was doing.

"Digging a hole to make the world safe to live in," was the answer.

LOCAL MARKET

Rowden cotton	27.25
Short cotton	26.75
White peas, bushel	\$2.50
Cow peas, bushel	\$1.75
Eggs	50
Chickens, young	18 to 20
Hens	15 to 18
Sweet potatoes	75

NOTICE OF SALE

\$25,000 SCHOOL BONDS

of
Benton Heights School District:
County of Union, N. C.

Sealed proposals will be received by the School Committee of Benton Heights School District at the law office of W. B. Love, Monroe, N. C., until the 25th day of January, 1923 at 12 o'clock M., for the purchase of \$25,000 School Bonds of Benton Heights School District. The bonds will be coupon bonds, registerable as to principal and interest, and of the denomination of \$1,000 each. They will be dated January 1, 1923, will bear interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually on January 1st and July 1st each year, and will mature serially, viz: One bond on January 1st in each of the years 1926 and 1950, inclusive. Principal and interest will be payable in gold coin of the United States of America at Hanover National Bank in the City of New York, N. Y.

Proposals should be addressed to J. H. Myers, Secretary of the School Committee, Monroe, N. C., and must be accompanied by a certified check drawn to the order of said School Committee upon incorporated bank or trust company, or cash, for or in an amount equal to two per cent (2%) of the face amount of bonds bid for, to secure the said Committee against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. Purchasers must pay accrued interest from date of the bonds to the date of delivery.

Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Messrs. Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of Benton Heights School District.

The bonds will be printed under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the School officials and the seal impressed thereon.

By order of the School Committee.
Dated December 20th, 1922.
J. H. MYERS, Sec.



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